(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The eligibility criteria are same as in the case of students for regular courses.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) these centres are, I.P. College, Jesus and Mary College, Laxmibai College, Kalindi College, S. P. Mukherjee College, Vivekananda Mahila College, Janki Devi Mahavidyalaya, Mata Sundari College and Maitrey College. Each centre functions under the overall supervision of the Principal of the College with a teacher of the College looking after all academic, administrative and other activities of the centre. In each centre the teacher incharge is assisted by a few emoloyees of the college on a part time basis.

(e) Attendance is not obligatory.

(f) to (h) The University of Delhi has reported that the teacher incharge has signed the quorum attendance register for each class conducted by differenet teachers. The University has also not received any complaint from the students in this behalf.

Promoting Community Colleges by UGC

4956. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission propose to promote Community Colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether such move would provide scope of education to weaker sections of all communities;

(d) whether such move would also raise the educational standard of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by UGC, a feasibility study on 'Community Colleges' has been conducted by a Committee constituted by the Commission for the purpose. The matter is under further consideration of the UGC.

Grant of autonomous status to Colleges

4957. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant autonomous status to colleges in different universities;

(b) what are the guidelines for allowing such colleges to function; and

(c) how many colleges are permited by Government to run as autonomous colleges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The National Policy on Education,

1986, as modified in 1992, states that autonomous colleges will be helped to develop in large numbers until the affiliating system is replaced by a freer and more creative association of Universities with colleges.

(b) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the following procedure has been laid down in the UGC guidelines for conferment of autonomous status on a College:—

(i) A Standing Committee consisting of representatives of the UGC and the State Government is to be constituted by each University for ensuring effective implementation of the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges.

(ii) Proposals in the prescribed proforma are invited from the Colleges by the concerned University for consideration by the Standing Committee. The Committee may visit the Colleges to discuss the proposals with the Management and/or faculty members.

(iii) The recommendations of the Standing Committee after approval of the Vice-Chancellor, are to be forwarded to the UGC and the State Government. The recommendations of the University and the State Government are also to be furnished to the UGC. After the UGC and the State Government have concurred in the proposal, a notification regarding conferment of autonomous status on College is issued by the University.

(c) Autonomous status is conferred on a college by the concerned University in consultation with the State Government and the UGC. At present, 109 Colleges are functioning as autonomous colleges.

Opening Cental School in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

4958. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for opening central schools in the country;

(b) whether the criteria has any relation with the population of Central Government employees in a particular locality; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consider opening a Central School in Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi where more than 100 families of Central Government servants are residing?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) Within the resources available to it and within the number of schools authorised by the Government to be opened annually, Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened in Civil Defence Sector generally where there is a concentration of at least 100 transferable Central Government employees and the sponsoring organsations agree to provide temporary accommodation: sufficient/suitable land free of cost for construction of permanent school building and other facilities, as per norms prescribed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Kendriya Vidyalayas are also opened in project sector wherever sponsoring project authorities agree to meet the recurring and non-recurring expenditure on the Vidyalaya and the proposal conforms to the norms prescribed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.